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EXPORT OF MEDICINES
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Will the Minister of COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the export of medicines has declined after the adoption of product patent system of drugs in the country;

(b) if so, the quantity and value of medicines exported during the last three years and in the current year till date;

(c) the percentage of increase/decrease registered during 2007-2008 as compared to previous year; and

(d) the names of the medicines affected due to introduction of product patent system in the country?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMERCE AND INDUSTRY(SHRI JAIRAM RAMESH)

a) & d): Except for a few medicines, the adoption of product patent system of drugs has not affected the export of medicines in the country as of now.

b) & c): The export of Drugs & Pharmaceuticals during the last three years and in the current year is as follows:

(Amt. in Crores of Rupees)

2004-05	2005-06	2006-07	April 2007- Oct.07
17857.80	22115.72	24942.08	14751.28

(Source: DGCI&S) As may be seen, the exports have shown an upward trend.